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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) (A/C.5/48/40, paras. 69-73).

2. The General Assembly, by its resolution 47/236 of 14 September, decided, inter alia, that the costs of UNFICYP for the period from 16 June 1993 that are not covered by voluntary contributions should be treated as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and requested the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Force. The Assembly also decided to appropriate the amount of $8,771,000 gross ($8,443,000 net) for the period from 16 June to 15 December 1993.

3. The appropriation approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/236 for the six-month period from 16 June to 15 December 1993 was based on an overall approved budget of $21,271,000 gross ($20,943,000 net), of which $12,500,000 would be financed from voluntary contributions from the Governments of Cyprus ($9,250,000) and Greece ($3,250,000); annual voluntary contributions of $25 million had been pledged by the Governments of Cyprus and Greece for the maintenance of UNFICYP for the period beginning 16 June 1993.

4. As indicated in paragraph 71 of the Secretary-General's report, should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of UNFICYP beyond 15 December 1993, it is estimated that the cost of the Force for the four and one-half month period from 16 December 1993 to 30 April 1994 will amount to $17,559,000 gross ($17,232,000 net). However, as indicated in paragraph 3 above, this will be offset by an amount of $9,375,000 representing the prorated share over four and one-half months of the voluntary contributions from the Governments of Cyprus and Greece. The Advisory Committee was informed that no other voluntary contributions had been received during the period from 16 June 1993.

5. With regard to the action to be taken by the General Assembly at the present time in connection with the financing of UNFICYP, should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of UNFICYP beyond 15 December 1993, the Advisory Committee recommends, for the period from 16 December 1993 to 30 April 1994, that the Secretary-General be authorized to commit an amount up to $8,184,000 gross ($7,857,000 net). This would also take into account the amount of $9,375,000 representing the prorated share of the pledged voluntary contributions. No assessment on Member States would be necessary at this time since information provided to the Advisory Committee indicates that the cash balance available to UNFICYP as at 13 December 1993 was $28,500,000.